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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the communication dated 27 January 1995 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador concerning the conflict situation between Ecuador and Peru.

(Signed) Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 27 January 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and to the current situation between Ecuador and Peru.

It is public knowledge that since the border incidents of 9 and 11 January initiated by the Peruvian army, the Ecuadorian Government has been urging the Peruvian Government repeatedly, through the diplomatic channel, to halt such acts of provocation, which violate Ecuadorian sovereignty and threaten international peace and the security of my country. Furthermore, at the Summit Conference of the countries members of the Andean Group, held at Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on 20 and 21 January, I had the opportunity to raise this issue with my Peruvian counterpart, who expressed his Government's readiness to resolve the crisis.

Today, however, Peru launched military operations against Ecuadorian army positions located in Ecuadorian territory. In exercise of the right of self-defence recognized in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, my country was naturally compelled to respond to Peru's attacks.

In strict compliance with the provisions of the Charter, I should like to request you to inform the Security Council of the aggression against Ecuador and to take whatever steps you consider most appropriate.

I should like to inform you that the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States will visit Quito and Lima tomorrow to discuss the above-mentioned border conflict.

I have also contacted the Governments of the United States of America, Brazil, Chile and Argentina, whose countries are guarantors of the 1942 Protocol of Peace, Friendship and Boundaries, to ask them to send military observers to the border region between Ecuador and Peru.

(Signed) Galo LEORO
Minister for Foreign Affairs